

House Study Bill 621

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BY (PROPOSED DEPARTMENT OF
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act increasing the compulsory school attendance age to
2 eighteen.
3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
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1 1 Section 1. Section 299.1A, Code 2005, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 299.1A COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE AGE.
1 4 A child who has reached the age of six and is under ~~sixteen~~
1 5 ~~eighteen~~ years of age by September 15 is of compulsory
1 6 attendance age. However, if a child enrolled in a school
1 7 district or accredited nonpublic school reaches the age of
1 8 ~~sixteen eighteen~~ on or after September 15, the child remains
1 9 of compulsory age until the end of the regular school
1 10 calendar.
1 11 Sec. 2. Section 299A.8, Code 2005, is amended to read as
1 12 follows:
1 13 299A.8 DUAL ENROLLMENT.
1 14 If a parent, guardian, or legal custodian of a child who is
1 15 receiving competent private instruction under this chapter ~~or~~
~~1 16 a child over compulsory age who is receiving private~~
~~1 17 instruction~~ submits a request, the child shall also be
1 18 registered in a public school for dual enrollment purposes.
1 19 If the child is enrolled in a public school district for dual
1 20 enrollment purposes, the child shall be permitted to
1 21 participate in any academic activities in the district and
1 22 shall also be permitted to participate on the same basis as
1 23 public school children in any extracurricular activities
1 24 available to children in the child's grade or group, and the
1 25 parent, guardian, or legal custodian shall not be required to
1 26 pay the costs of any annual evaluation under this chapter. If
1 27 the child is enrolled for dual enrollment purposes, the child
1 28 shall be included in the public school's basic enrollment
1 29 under section 257.6. A pupil who is participating only in
1 30 extracurricular activities shall be counted under section
1 31 257.6, subsection 1, paragraph "f". A pupil enrolled in
1 32 grades nine through twelve under this section shall be counted
1 33 in the same manner as a shared-time pupil under section 257.6,
1 34 subsection 1, paragraph "c".
1 35 Sec. 3. STATE MANDATE FUNDING SPECIFIED. In accordance
2 1 with section 25B.2, subsection 3, the state cost of requiring
2 2 compliance with any state mandate included in this Act shall
2 3 be paid by a school district from state school foundation aid
2 4 received by the school district under section 257.16. This
2 5 specification of the payment of the state cost shall be deemed
2 6 to meet all the state funding-related requirements of section
2 7 25B.2, subsection 3, and no additional state funding shall be
2 8 necessary for the full implementation of this Act by and
2 9 enforcement of this Act against all affected school districts.
2 10 EXPLANATION
2 11 This bill raises the compulsory school attendance age from
2 12 16 to 18 years of age. The bill includes a technical
2 13 amendment to eliminate reference to the compulsory attendance
2 14 age for purposes of dual enrollment.
2 15 The bill may include a state mandate as defined in Code
2 16 section 25B.3. The bill requires that the state cost of any
2 17 state mandate included in the bill be paid by a school
2 18 district from state school foundation aid received by the
2 19 school district under Code section 257.16. The specification

2 20 is deemed to constitute state compliance with any state
2 21 mandate funding-related requirements of Code section 25B.2.
2 22 The inclusion of this specification is intended to reinstate
2 23 the requirement of political subdivisions to comply with any
2 24 state mandates included in the bill.
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